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## Viewing cable 08ATHENS1437, GREECE/IRAN: GOG IMPLEMENTING 1835 AND IRISL

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08ATHENS1437**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">08ATHENS1437</a>	<a href="#">2008-10-14 14:10</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">SECRET</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Athens</a>

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SUBJECT: GREECE/IRAN: GOG IMPLEMENTING 1835 AND IRISL MEASURES

REF: A. SECSTATE 105173

[B](#). SECSTATE 104496

[C](#). ATHENS 1347

¶1. (S) DepPolCouns and visiting EUR/SE Desk Officer Goodman discussed ref A and B demarches on UNSC 1835 and the designation of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) with MFA A6 Directorate for Middle East Issues deputy head Giorgos Ayfantis. Ayfantis stated categorically that Greece would take steps to implement UNSC 1835, but he provided no details on the specific measures. DepEconCouns also delivered the demarches to Panagoitis Kyriakopoulos, Director for Bank Supervision, Bank of Greece.

¶2. (S) As reported in ref C, FM Bakoyannis agreed to an advisory being issued on IRISL, and Deputy Minister for Mercantile Marine Kammenos told us that his Ministry had issued the advisory. Subsequent to ref C, Kammenos provided us a copy of the advisory (in Greek).

¶3. (S) COMMENT: While the GOG agreed to issue the IRISL advisory and to implement the 1835 measures, it is clear that the GOG remains wary of getting cross-wise with Greek shipowners, who do much business with Iran. As Ayfantis explained to us once again, the shippers are savvy and cynical, with little regard for GOG warnings. Given the tremendous political influence the shipowners wield in Greece, the GOG will tread lightly. GOG officials find it easier, however, to take action against targeted individuals or companies when we provide them specific information.  
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